



# ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES



Superintendent  
of Documents

## LIBRARY PROGRAMS SERVICE

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### RELOCATION OF LPS TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

Remember -- LPS has moved to Washington, D.C.! Effective February 1985, LPS moved its operations from Alexandria, Virginia, to the main GPO building in downtown Washington, D.C. Please remind your staff to use the proper mailing address on all pieces of correspondence. Incorrectly addressed mail is taking 4 to 6 weeks to reach GPO. All "Depository Library Inquiry Forms," "Amendment of Selection Cards," "Claim Forms," etc., should be mailed to the address below to ensure proper delivery and processing:

Government Printing Office  
Library Programs Service (stop code varies)  
Washington, D.C. 20401

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### SELECTION UPDATE 1985-#3

Selection Update 1985-#3 was mailed out to all libraries on October 5th. This package included a current printout of each library's selections, instructions, and one pad of GPO Form 3495, "Amendment of Selections." Responses were due from all Selective Libraries by November 22. All selections received after that date are being held over until the next Selection Update Cycle, which will begin in May 1986.

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### TWO SPECIAL SURVEYS

A special item number survey is attached as the last page of this issue of AdNotes. Please take the time to fill out the survey form and mail it to LPS by February 14, 1986.

The last page of this issue is a survey on classification. Please return this survey to: Classification Survey, Attn. Diane Smith, C-207 Pattee Library, University Park, PA 16802, by January 20, 1986.

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UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20555

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ERRATA SHEET

Report Number:

NUREG/CR-4272  
EGG-2397

Report Title:

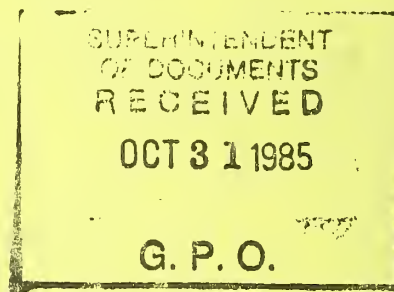
Response Tree Evaluation: Experimental Assessment  
of an Expert System for Nuclear Reactor Operators

Prepared by:

EG&G Idaho, Inc.

Date Published:

September 1985



Instructions:

A number of copies of this report were printed with missing pages (title page, iii, A-1, A-4, and A-5). If you received one of these defective copies, write to the following address for a replacement copy.

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Publications Services Section  
P-130A  
Washington, DC 20555

Division of Technical Information  
and  
Document Control

## DMA MAP SERIES CANCELLED

The Defense Mapping Agency informed LPS that several series have been discontinued for map distribution. These series include:

- 1) Series 1106 - The World, D 5.326:, item nos. 0379-E-01 to 0379-E-09;
- 2) Series 1107 - The World, D 5.326/2:, item no. 0379-F;
- 3) Series 9201 - New Zealand, D 5.338:, item no. 0379-F-10;
- 4) Series L351 - Korea Road Maps, D 5.341:, item no. 0379-F-13;
- and 5) Series M305 - Official Road Maps for Allied Forces, D 5.342:, item no. 0379-F-14.

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## USGS STATE INDEXES TO TOPOGRAPHIC MAPPING AVAILABLE

Libraries that receive U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) topographic maps for one State, group of States, or all States will automatically receive an index to topographic mapping for the States selected each time an index is updated and printed. USGS also has informed us that State indexes are available on request, and are not limited to the State(s) selected for receipt of topographic maps. So, if you want topographic indexes for any or all States, write:

Chief, Product Distribution Policy Office  
U.S. Geological Survey  
National Mapping Division, MS 508  
12201 Sunrise Valley Drive  
Reston, VA 22092

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## RATIONALE FOR SPRING 1985 COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS

LPS has been asked to publish in AdNotes any previously unpublished rationale accompanying Council recommendations from the Spring 1985 meeting. Some rationale appeared together with the recommendations in the transcript of the Council meeting proceedings, distributed in microfiche to depositories under class number GP 3.30:985. The rationale which did not appear there are given in the following pages.

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**Explore the World**  
in a **MAP** Depository Library



## RATIONALE TO ACCOMPANY RECOMMENDATIONS

1. None required.
2. None required.
3. Proposal to Correct and Update the GPO Cataloging Records

The Government Printing Office has been producing cataloging records on OCLC since June 1976. The records are used to produce GPO's Monthly Catalog, and are available for sale through LC/CDS. The file presently contains approximately 200,000 records.

These records have been created under variable standards, with continually improving quality control. This project proposes to improve the quality and accuracy of the retrospective records so that they can be accepted by most libraries with little review. In order to ensure continuing quality, GPO should also begin procedures for reporting and correcting errors found in the future.

A more complete description of this proposal, and of the current state of the GPO records, is being published in Government Information Quarterly, v. 2 no. 1 (January 1985), "The Government Printing Office cataloging records: opportunities and problems," by Judy Myers.

General Guidelines - 1. Conduct the project under the guidance of an advisory board consisting of representatives from the Government Printing Office, the Library of Congress, and the Joint Committee on Printing. This group should contribute to the standards, procedures, and quality control assurances for the project. 2. Consider the needs of those who have already used the records, either from the tapes or from their cataloging utility. Provide and describe mechanisms for using the corrected tapes to replace older records in library files and other data bases. 3. Document the procedures, quality standards, and the results of the cleanup. 4. Distribute the corrected tapes through the Cataloging Distribution Service of the Library of Congress.

Typos and Other Random Errors - Recover as many as possible of the corrections made by GPO to the Monthly Catalog, but not transferred to the cataloging tapes. Check records on OCLC which were corrected there after being entered or used by GPO, correct the GPO record as necessary.

AACRII Flip - Do a computer flip of names to AACR II form, check the product for bad flips, correct as necessary.

Names - An estimated 30,000 names (this figure represents occurrences, not unique names) on the GPO tapes are not in the LCNA. These are either pre-1981 records or newer records with errors. Computer-match the name headings (including series names) used on the GPO cataloging tapes against the LC Name Authority file, correct errors on cataloging records or establish names in LCNA as necessary.

Uniform Titles - Identify, correct errors, establish in LCNA.

Numbers - Problem: Numbers not on records or not in correct MARC field; errors in numbers; multiple numbers belonging to individual parts of the title but not identified as such. Add to all records which lack them: OCLC Number (missing on about 5,000 records), SuDoc number (missing on about 100 records), and GPO Depository Item Number. Identify and correct errors in Item numbers and SuDoc Numbers (many of these corrections have been printed in subsequent editions of the MC, but have not been transferred to the tapes of cataloging records). When there are multiple numbers, such as stock numbers for separate volumes of a single title, identify which volume each belongs to. Tag all numbers correctly--when GPO began to catalog, MARC fields had not been established for many types of numbers used by GPO.

Subjects - Problems include: 1) Subjects which are not valid LC subject headings, but which are tagged as LC headings. 2) Subjects which are tagged as locally assigned headings in LC form, but which are valid LC headings. 3) Records which have no valid LC subject headings, after the headings on the records are re-tagged. Procedure to correct: identify mistagged subjects by computer matching the GPO tapes against the LC subject tapes (to the extent that this is possible), and/or by producing an alphabetical printout of the subjects together with the tags and the record format (book, serial), and checking this list. Correct typographical errors on records, re-tag headings as necessary, identify records which are left with no valid LC subject headings and do subject cataloging for them.

Multiple records - Problem: The GPO tapes contain many "availability records" which are not true cataloging records. These are records for individual parts of multi-part monographs and records for single issues of serials. The annual Serials Supplement tapes also contain repeated records for continuing periodicals. Comment: Availability records will appear in future issues of the Monthly Catalog. These records are useful to tape subscribers such as DIALOG who may be interested in availability information for a particular issue of a serial or a monograph. The issue-specific information (such as the pagination) may also be useful in library circulation systems. Therefore, the availability records should not be deleted from the GPO tapes. They should be identified and linked to the cataloging record for that title. When a record for a continuing periodical is superseded by the next year's Serial Supplement record, a "delete record" should be issued for the superseded version of the record.

Microforms - Problems: 1. Materials that are received by GPO in printed form and converted to microfiche for distribution are cataloged by GPO from the printed version. The catalog record produced does not match the publication received by depository libraries. These records need to be revised to provide the correct description. 2. Materials distributed by GPO in both paper and microform, under two Item Numbers, are also cataloged only in paper. An additional record is needed for the microfiche version, each with the appropriate form of description and the appropriate Item Number. 3. Materials distributed primarily in paper, with some copies distributed in microform due to shortages, are also cataloged only in paper. An additional record is needed for the microfiche version, and either a note in a local data field or tape documentation (which notes the occurrence of each record of this type) is necessary to advise libraries that they need



to check their holdings and select the record appropriate to the form in which they received the material. Procedure to correct: Catalog the microform version. Add a linking statement to relate the microform record to the record for the printed version.

Assorted Errors and Inconsistencies - Identify and advise GPO of errors or inconsistencies in such areas as use of the 533 field, brackets around the GMD, consistent use of MARC format for similar material within a series.

Tape Documentation - Documentation should be provided for distribution with the tapes, noting, for example, which MARC fields and formats appear on each tape, the occurrence of new fields or field definitions (such as the use of the 086 field instead of the 500 field for SuDoc Numbers), and the manner in which duplicate cataloging records for multi-part works and serials can be identified by users. The documentation should also describe the tape leader.

Future - GPO should pursue discussions with LC to initiate a subject authority cooperative program, similar to the name authority cooperative program. GPO should provide acceptable cataloging records for all materials distributed to depository libraries, including such materials as those produced by the Department of Energy. GPO should seek a means for providing these records cooperatively. GPO should institute an ongoing mechanism for correcting all types of errors, concurrent with the cleanup of the older records. The error correction program should have the following elements: 1) Procedures for public reporting to GPO of errors and missing records, by individual libraries and bibliographic utilities. 2) Administrative authorization and procedures within GPO for ensuring that all errors found by GPO or reported to GPO are corrected in the appropriate places. 3) Guidelines for distribution of error corrections. All corrections should be transmitted to OCLC and provided on GPO tapes (errors discovered before a tape is distributed should be corrected on the distribution tape, while those discovered later should be corrected on tapes of error corrections). 4) The error correction mechanism should be documented and widely publicized.

Status of this proposal - The GPO expressed its intention to fund a contract to revise and update its retrospective cataloging records, generally in accordance with this outline, in September 1984. The status of the project is again in doubt, however, due to the appointment of a new Public Printer.

Comments are welcome, to Judy Myers, Documents Coordinator, University of Houston - University Park Library, Houston, TX 77004.

4. Rationale provided with original recommendation. See Morton article in Government Publications Review, vol. 11, no. 3 (1984).
5. Rationale provided with original recommendation.

6. RATIONALE: Many selective depositories have limited space and personnel. Their limited resources would be more effectively utilized in providing greater access to their collections than in processing and housing duplicate publications.
7. RATIONALE: The declaration that reprints are publications which may be handled as superseded documents would allow all libraries to dispose of reprints of materials already in their collections when the reprints are no longer in demand. This would also allow the use of these materials in "current awareness" or other programs which aid in the promotion of depository libraries.
8. RATIONALE: The savings to GPO in not printing and distributing undesired material should outweigh the costs of additional item numbers and/or surveys. The selective depository concept is that these libraries are permitted to "select" those materials they wish to receive. Although the addition of new series to existing item numbers allows for the expedient distribution of new publications in the depository system, it does not allow selective depositories to "select" materials for their collections. New series should be given separate item numbers and surveyed as soon as possible. Because many libraries believe they are losing their ability to be "selective", they have sometimes dropped publications they wished to receive in order to avoid receiving materials which had been added to an existing item number.
9. RATIONALE: (The following proposal was distributed at the Fall 1984 Council meeting.)  
 Expanding the List of Classes - Background - It has been past classification practice to use a set of standard class subdivisions for such publications as annual reports, general publications, posters, etc. For many agencies these standard subdivisions are already set up in the List of Classes under an item number, despite the fact that no publications may have actually been issued for several years. However, the item and SuDoc class numbers are nonetheless maintained in order to distribute a new issue, if and when it is printed, and in order to avoid the 3 to 4 month delay required to survey the depository libraries. Proposal: LPS recommends establishing an item number and class in the List of Classes for each agency, using the standard subdivisions listed below:  
 (Bureau initial(s) & number)
  - .1 = Annual Report
  - .2 = General publications
  - .3 = Bulletins
  - .4 = Circulars
  - .5 = Laws
  - .6 = Regulations, rules, instructions
  - .7 = Press releases
  - .8 = Handbooks, manuals, guides
  - .Forms: = Forms



and the following non-standard subdivisions:

Posters  
Charts  
Maps  
Telephone directories

Some agencies will continue to have one class for all reports and publications such as most of the Y 3's.

Disadvantage: Initially, this would be a substantial project that would generate an additional number of surveys and expand the size of such products as the List of Classes, the Union List, the number of item cards, etc.

Benefits: 1. Over the longer term, LPS would have predetermined ordering counts established for many more new publications, thereby obviating the need to constantly survey and reprint new publications. Cost savings to the Government would be substantial.

2. LPS would not have to delay the distribution of publications for the survey process, since most standard publications would fall under one of the standard classes or would be so closely associated with one that we will be able to distribute by assigning the related item number. Document processing would be greatly expedited and libraries would receive their document sooner.

3. Considerable warehouse space is required to store documents being held pending survey. Fortunately, there has been ample storage space for this purpose in the Eisenhower Avenue warehouse. However, with the impending move to main GPO, where storage space will be severely limited, the time is right to reduce the need for so many surveys, and this proposal would accomplish exactly that.

Requested action: Council is requested to consider this proposal and recommend for or against its adoption.

10. RATIONALE: Although GPO is not required to respond to the GAO audit, Council is interested in knowing which of the list of improvements GPO has already implemented, which it plans to implement and with which it does not agree. Council did not believe that they could take any action on the report until they had received some response from GPO. Some of the improvements have been considered and endorsed by past Councils, on others no action has been taken by Council.
11. Rationale provided with original recommendation.
12. RATIONALE: Two years ago a decision was made to change the manner by which Senate reports, hearings, and committee prints were classified. This change in classification policy has had adverse effects on retrieval and reference service in many depositories. Council wishes to reevaluate its previous recommendation concerning this classification policy, but feels more information about the needs of all depositories selecting these items is necessary before such a decision can be unilaterally made. With the information gathered from LPS's polling of the depository community, Council will be able to consider the issue at the October 1985 meeting and recommend changes if necessary.



13. RATIONALE: The Depository Library Council feels that there should be greater flexibility within SOD-13 so that certain titles and/or series can be considered on a case-by-case basis should a request be presented for the microfiche conversion of such titles. When the Superintendent of Documents Decision 13 was originally issued there was a fear within the library community that titles might be converted wholesale to microfiche without consideration of the usefulness or appropriateness of such titles in this format. Since that time acceptance of the microformat has grown and depositories have become accustomed to the medium. It now appears that there may be cost advantages both to the GPO and to depositories if certain titles are offered in both formats and depositories can choose the format appropriate for their library. Similarly, the prohibition of ficing titles of less than 15 pages was instituted in SOD 13. However, the use of this arbitrary i ure has resulted in certain series (e.g. GAO letters) being distributed in both paper and microfiche, dependent totally on pagination. This has caused filing and retrieval problems in certain depositories.
14. RATIONALE: These records are necessary since many members of the depository community use or are planning to use such "umbrella" records for maintaining a record of their holdings in their online catalogs. The depository community plans to utilize such records because numerical check-in under a single classification stem makes initial processing of depository shipments much easier and, thus, enables the library user to gain access to the material almost immediately upon its arrival in the depository.

Since most depositories would like to be able to use GPO records to add their U.S. government publications holdings to their online catalogs, it is necessary that these serial records be created and that they be linked with the analytic records using the appropriate MARC field. These serial records should be printed in the Monthly Catalog annually as we have recommended. However, the second and succeeding appearances of the serial on the GPO tapes should include a "delete record" note to inform users that an earlier record has been superseded.

Until these serial records are printed in the Monthly Catalog, a printed list (including OCLC record number) should be made available to depositories and through the sales program to facilitate the identification of these records on the tapes or in OCLC. This will enable selective use of these records by libraries who are now using or are planning to use a vendor to produce their online catalog for them.

15. None required.

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99th Congress

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Number	Title	Source
99-9	List of Standing Committees and Sub-committees and Select and Special Committees and Committee Assignments and List of Senators by State of the Senate of the United States Together with Certain Joint Committees of the Congress for the Ninety-ninth Congress (Preliminary) (October 1, 1985)	Secretary of the Senate, Senate Printing Services



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99-42, Pt.2	Impact of Tax Reform and Simplification Proposals on Small Business (Field hearings held in Missoula, MT, Billings, MT, and Boston, MA)	Small Business
99-58, Pt.3	Department of Defense Authorization for Appropriations for Fiscal Year 1986	Armed Services
99-58, Pt.4	Department of Defense Authorization for Appropriations for Fiscal Year 1986	Armed Services
99-120, Pt.II	Comprehensive Reform in the Financial Services Industry	Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
99-120, Pt.III	Comprehensive Reform in the Financial Services Industry (Addendum)	Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
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99-187	Impact of Corporate Takeovers	Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
99-188	Nomination of Curtis E. von Kann	Governmental Affairs
99-189	Budgets for the Customs Service, ITC, and USTR	Finance
99-190	Export of U.S. Telecommunications Products	Finance
99-191	Railroad Safety	Commerce, Science, and Transportation
99-192	International Air Transportation Protection Act of 1985	Commerce, Science, and Transportation
99-193	National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities Amendments of 1985	Labor and Human Resources
99-194	The Pension Gamble: Who Wins? Who Loses?	Aging
99-195	Americans at Risk: The Case of the Medically Uninsured	Aging
99-196	Children's Justice Act	Labor and Human Resources
99-197	World Trade and the Petroleum Industry	Joint Economic

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99-198	Inflation Indexing of Government Securities	Joint Economic
99-199	Nominations--February-May (Jones, Richard H., to be Deputy Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration; Azcuenaga, Mary L., to be Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission; Dawson, Carol G., to be Commissioner, Consumer Product Safety Commission; Philbin, Edward J., to be Commissioner, Federal Maritime Commission; Riggs, Douglas A., to be General Counsel, Department of Commerce)	Commerce, Science, and Transportation
99-200	International Air Route Certificates	Commerce, Science, and Transportation
99-201, Pt.I	Brokered Deposits (This item was printed with the incomplete designation S.Prt.99-201; the complete designation is S.Prt.99-201,Pt.I)	Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
99-201, Pt.II	Brokered Deposits (Addendum)	Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
99-202	Program Fraud Civil Penalties Act of 1985	Governmental Affairs
99-203	S. 1349--S.1398	Indian Affairs
99-204	Extended Voluntary Departure Issues	Judiciary
99-205	Office of Surface Mining's Permit Fees	Energy and Natural Resources
99-206	Ocean Dumping	Environment and Public Works
99-207	Gambling on Indian Reservations and Lands	Indian Affairs
99-208	FBI Oversight and Budget Authorization for Fiscal Year 1986	Judiciary
99-209	Nuclear Regulatory Reform	Environment and Public Works



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99-210	Indoor Air Pollution (Field hearing held in Augusta, ME)	Environment and Public Works
99-211	Environmental Progress and Issues in the State of Vermont (Field hearing held in Montpelier, VT)	Environment and Public Works
99-212	U.S. Policy Toward South Africa	Foreign Relations
99-213	Status of Bureau of the Census Planning for the 1990 Decennial Census	Governmental Affairs
99-214	Constitutional Issues Relating to the Proposed Genocide Convention	Judiciary
99-215	Review of Administration Report on Prospective Payment for Skilled Nursing Facilities under Medicare	Finance
99-216	Nomination of Dr. Clayton K. Yeutter	Finance
99-217, Pt.1	Department of Defense Appropriations for Fiscal Year 1986	Appropriations
99-218	North Pacific Fur Seal Treaty	Foreign Relations
99-219	Security and Development Assistance	Foreign Relations
99-220	Renomination of Donald J. Devine	Governmental Affairs
99-221, Pt.1	Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Certain Independent Agencies Appropriations for Fiscal Year 1986	Appropriations
99-222	National Childhood Vaccine Injury Compensation Act of 1985	Labor and Human Resources
99-223, Pt.1	Textile and Apparel Trade Enforcement Act	Finance
99-224	Department of Justice's Vertical Restraints Guidelines	Judiciary

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98th Congress

98-163, Pt.IV	Democratic Alternatives: A Look at the Record	Democratic Policy
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99th Congress		
99-67	Legislative Calendar No. 2 (June 30, 1985)	Environment and Public Works
99-68	Revised Tables for Apportioning 1987 Fiscal Year Funds for the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways (The title for this item was listed incorrectly on listing 1985, No. 11 as "Revised Tables for Apportioning 1987 and 1988 Fiscal Year Funds for the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways")	Environment and Public Works
99-69	Revised Tables for Apportioning 1986 Fiscal Year Funds for Interstate Substitute Highway and Transit Projects (The title for this item was listed incorrectly on listing 1985, No. 11 as "Revised Tables for Apportioning 1984, 1985, and 1986 Fiscal Year Funds for Interstate Substitute Highway and Transit Projects")	Environment and Public Works and Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
99-82	Legislative Calendar No. 3 (September 30, 1985)	Energy and Natural Resources
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99-84	An Open Forum on the Provision of Electronic Federal Information to Depository Libraries	Joint Committee on Printing
99-85	Legislative Calendar No. 3 (October 4, 1985)	Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
99-86	Defense Organization: The Need for Change	Armed Services
99-87	Amendments to the Constitution: A Brief Legislative History	Judiciary

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99-88, Vol.1	East European Economies: Slow Growth in the 1980's (This item was inadvertently printed with the incomplete publication number of S.Prt.99-88; the correct designation is S.Prt.99-88, Vol.1)	Joint Economic
99-89	Employment Act of 1946, As Amended, With Related Laws (Annotated) and Rules of the Joint Economic Committee (October 1985)	Joint Economic
99-90	Not yet authorized for printing	
99-91	How Older Americans Live: An Analysis of Census Data	Aging
99-92	Legislative Calendar No. 3 (October 11, 1985)	Governmental Affairs
99-93	Summary of Hearings Before the Senate Subcommittee on the Constitution, on the Impact of the Proposed Equal Rights Amendment	Judiciary
99-94	Terrorism in Italy: An Update Report, 1983-1985	Judiciary
99-95	Senate Cloture Rule	Rules and Administration



## ITEM NUMBER SURVEY

Through the recommendation of the Depository Library Council, LPS is now taking a survey of all depository libraries to identify the most problematical item numbers currently in the system. LPS is asking that each library list below their 10 most troublesome item numbers that they would like seen split-out into a separate item number category. Once received and totaled, the top 50 most troublesome item numbers will be researched by LPS staff and as time and resources allow, they will be split-out wherever appropriate. There are presently over 6100 active item numbers in the system. Our primary goal in this project is twofold: 1) to provide relief from problem item numbers by allowing more selectivity, but 2) not to burden the libraries with too many new surveys. If LPS can have this survey returned to the address on the reverse by February 14, 1986, we will begin our research and keep the libraries informed of our progress.

LIBRARY # \_\_\_\_\_

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U.S. Government Printing Office  
Library Programs Service (SLLA)  
Item Number Survey - Rm C-617  
Washington, D.C. 20401

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**ATTENTION  
DEPOSITORY LIBRARIAN**

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In the past few years there have been many changes to the Superintendent of Documents classification system. The most recent evolution of the class system was seen this summer when the GPO began a policy of classing serials within series as a separate class (e.g. Current Population Reports, P-series).

Since that decision, strong opinions have been expressed concerning these changes. At the October Depository Library Council meeting the issue could not be adequately addressed, since Council felt that sufficient information was not available upon which to base any recommendations.

To assess the situation and to provide an opportunity for the entire depository community to express their opinions on the classification issue, Council has developed the following survey. Please take the time to consider the issues and answer the following questions. Mail the survey by January 20, 1986, to:

Classification Survey  
Attn. Diane Smith  
C-207 Pattee Library  
University Park, PA 16802

1. What percentage of depository items does your library select (found on the item selection print-out)? \_\_\_\_\_ %
2. Does your library use the SuDoc system of classification for shelving and filing of depository documents?  
\_\_\_\_\_ (a) YES                      \_\_\_\_\_ (b) NO
3. What percentage of your depository documents collection is checked into a centralized record, such as a shelf list?  
\_\_\_\_\_ (a) 75-100%                      \_\_\_\_\_ (c) 25-49%  
\_\_\_\_\_ (b) 50-74%                      \_\_\_\_\_ (d) 0-24%
4. What percentage of the depository documents collection within the library is cataloged and classed in a system other than SuDoc?  
\_\_\_\_\_ (a) 75-100%                      \_\_\_\_\_ (c) 25-49%  
\_\_\_\_\_ (b) 50-74%                      \_\_\_\_\_ (d) 0-24%
5. Do you like the classification policies reflected in recent GPO classifications (e.g., serials within series being assigned their own class numbers; adding full words rather than cutting after the colon; using lengthy report numbers after the colon)?  
\_\_\_\_\_ (a) YES                      \_\_\_\_\_ (b) NO

Please comment why or why not. \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Assuming GPO would not reclass the items distributed in the past year, would you prefer that GPO return to its earlier classification practices?

\_\_\_\_\_ (a) YES

\_\_\_\_\_ (b) NO

Please indicate which classification practices (if any) should be rescinded. \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Do you feel there has been a decrease or increase in classification errors in the past year?

\_\_\_\_\_ (a) DECREASE

\_\_\_\_\_ (b) INCREASE

\_\_\_\_\_ (c) NO CHANGE

8. An underlying principle of the the SuDoc system is that it changes as issuing agencies change within the bureaucratic structure. Sometimes these changes can result in significant classification changes (e.g. National Archives publications changing in classification from GS to AE). Given such bureaucratic changes, do you believe the system should continue to reflect these changes?

\_\_\_\_\_ (a) YES

\_\_\_\_\_ (b) NO

9. If you make classification error corrections or connections in your shelf list between earlier and later class numbers, please estimate the number of hours per week spent in each process.

\_\_\_\_\_ (a) CORRECTIONS

\_\_\_\_\_ (b) CONNECTIONS

10. One idea which has been discussed in the past is the use of the SuDoc classification stem (e.g. D101.6/8:) for selection purposes rather than the item number. For many titles this would provide more selectivity. Would you prefer such a method of item selection?

\_\_\_\_\_ (a) YES

\_\_\_\_\_ (b) NO

Can you suggest alternative methods of item selection which would provide greater item selectivity? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you wish to make further comments on classification? \_\_\_\_\_

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